



BALBRIGGAN PARISH

Inc. Balbriggan, Balrothery & Balscadden

November 2nd/3rd 2019

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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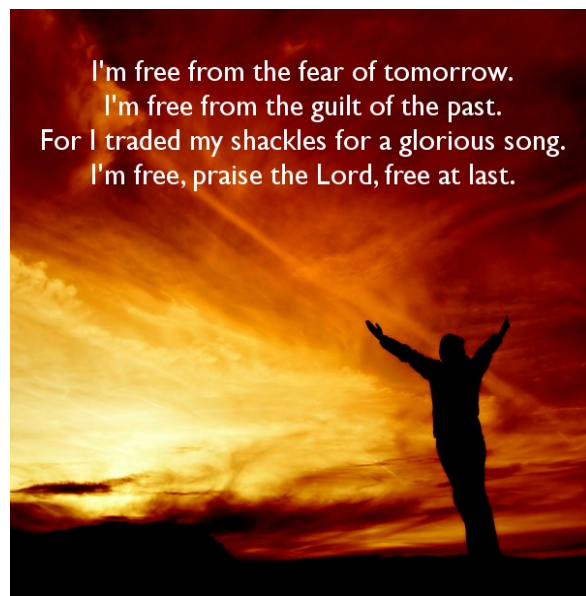


In the presence of Jesus, Zacchaeus, the little man with a big story, found out who he, really was and, what he was made for. That's the way it is with Jesus.

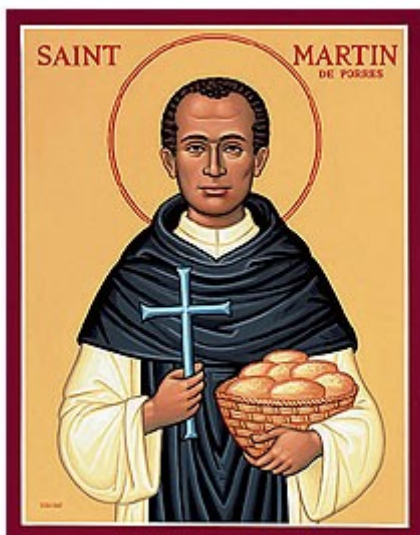
His big story wasn't impressive. The whole town knew of his corruption, and his exploitation, Many could tell a story of being diddled by him into paying more tax than was just. He carried this burden all the time and somehow the arrival of Jesus impelled him to climb a tree so that his life would be changed. Our stories are all a mixture of good and evil. We carry burdens of guilt and sin and hurt and anger. We need to get free and be the self we can be.

Zacchaeus found he wasn't the mean person he had been showing all his life. He found that restoration of ill-gotten gains, and a promise to help his neighbour, would bring more happiness than his past. He found in meeting Jesus the acceptance that allowed him to change, to go public on his change, and to continue a changed life no matter what others thought.

He was made for community, belonging and sharing; not for isolation, loneliness and greed. He knew now he was made for love for he found himself loved by God in Jesus, so that the one everyone was talking about visited his house now.



I'm free from the fear of tomorrow.
I'm free from the guilt of the past.
For I traded my shackles for a glorious song.
I'm free, praise the Lord, free at last.



FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 5TH

Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579 of John, a Spanish nobleman, and Anna Velasquez, a freed slave. As a boy he studied medicine which later, as a member of the Order, he put to good use in helping the poor. Martin was received as a servant at the priory of the Holy Rosary in Lima where he was finally admitted to profession as a co-operator brother in 1603. In his life of prayer, Martin was especially devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and to the passion of our Lord. He was noted for his care of the poor and the sick. He died at Lima on November 3, 1639

During the homily given by Blessed Pope John XXIII on the occasion of Brother Martin's canonization, the Holy Father proclaimed the following:

The example of Martin's life is ample evidence that we can strive for holiness and salvation as Christ Jesus has shown us: first, by loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind; and second, by loving our neighbours as ourselves.



ALTAR LIST OF THE DEAD

Altar List of the Dead
Envelopes are available at the back of the Church . Please return to the Parish Office or Sacristy as soon as possible so that their names can be recalled and prayed for on the First Fridays throughout the year.

MASS TIMES

BALBRIGGAN:
Monday-Friday: 10am
Holy Days: Vigil 7.30pm & 10am
Saturday: Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday: 10am & 12noon
BALSCADDEN:
Sunday and Holy Days: 8.30am

PARISH TEAM



Parish Priest: Fr John McNamara
Curates: Fr Tony Gill SMA
Fr Donal Toal SMA

Secretary: Anne McNally

PARISH OFFICE

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Mass Intentions Weekend of November 2nd/3rd		 PLANNED GIVING The Planned Giving Collection for the Weekend of October 26th/27th amounted to €1,245. Many thanks for your contributions.
Saturday 6.30pm: Ita Bird (1st Ann) Martin Gorman; Mick & Eileen Crowe David & James Richardson; Jack Benton; Seamus & Aaron Parsons Dessie Conroy (rec deceased)		PARISH SHOP The Parish Shop is located at the back of the Church and is open before and after all Masses at the weekend, stocking a range of religious items. Currently there is a sale on selected items to make room for more stock.
Sunday 8.30am: — Balscadden		THANK YOU The recently held coffee morning in Glebe North Football Club in aid of St. Francis Hospice raised €2,805. Sincere thanks for your generosity.
Balbriggan 10am: Catherine O'Connor; Martin Branagan; Nobrega & Da Marta families; Molloy family; Anne & William Keely; Richard Chalkley		O'DWYERS GAA Bingo every Wednesday night at 8.45pm. Skills camp has moved indoors to Flemington Community Centre on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12.30pm. For more information visit our website www.odwyersgaa.com
12noon: Liam Andrews (Months Mind) Christopher Oonan (1st Ann) Margaret Nugent (1st Ann) Frances Slevin; Rose & Tony Kemp Pauline Toucher; Donal, Sean snr & Sean jnr Baxter; Christy Curran		
15.30pm Polish Mass		
Weekday Mass Intentions		CHY FORMS Many thanks to those who have already returned their CHY Forms. If you have not already done so, you can return your form to the Parish Office. For those who are currently paying tax and have not received a form please contact the Office on 01 8412116. Apologies to those who may have received a form in error. A CHY Form allows the Parish to reclaim tax paid on donations of €250 or more made over the course of a year by any tax payer.
Monday 10am: For the People of the Parish		
Tuesday 10am: James & Bridget Reilly Paddy McCarthy		
Wed 10am Canon Liam Shanahan; Holy Souls		
Thursday 10am Special Intention		
Friday 10am: Hurley Family		
Weekend November 9th/10th		IRISH COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION POP UP SHOP Handknits, Home Baking & Bric-a-Brac Stalls in aid of Order of Malta on Friday 8th 3pm-6pm & Saturday 9th November 10am-12pm in the Senior Citizen Hall, High Street.
Saturday 6.30pm: Nick & Nan Dunne; Cyril Graham Mary & John Nevin; Pat & Ciaran Hand; Bill & Bridget Andrews Mary Fitzsimons		DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING FREE Five Week Basic iPhone, iPad, Tablet and Smartphone class commencing in Balbriggan Library on Wednesday 13th November from 1.30pm-3.30pm. If you would like to book a place please call Angela on 046 9280790
Sunday 8.30pm: Mary Lynch (Months Mind) Balscadden		LIVING WITH LOSS The Irish Hospice Foundation aims to provide information about grief and the range of supports available to bereaved people. On Thursday 7th November 5.30pm-8pm. An information evening for the public about bereavement with guest speaker, writer Emma Hayes at the Alex Hotel, 41-47 Fenian Street (off Merrion Square), Dublin 2. This public event is free to attend. Bookings are not necessary.
Balbriggan 10am: Patricia Cassidy (Months Mind) Thomas Cassidy; Mary & Matthew O'Brien		
12 noon: Andy & Cora Kelly (Months Mind) Colette Smith (Months Mind) Paddy Donaghy; Liam & William Reynolds; Mary-Ann Hallisey Stephen & Anne Darragh		
CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY BAPTISED  <i>Sean Finn; Freddie Pops; Milo William</i>		THE MISCARRIAGE ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND Annual Service of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November 2019 at 3pm in St Teresa's Church, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8.
BALBRIGGAN PIONEER ASSOCIATION If you would like to take Short Term Pledge for November please contact John on 089 4360334.		